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SUBJECT: US-ITALY BILATERAL ENERGY RELATIONS

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTED CHANGES  
IN AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH. AS IT WILL BE DELIVERED  
MAY 18, FINAL VERSION READS:  
QTE. OUR COOPERATION IN THE MANY EFFORTS JUST DESCRIBED  
EMPHASIZES THE GREAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO HELPING OUR  
PARTNERS MEET THEIR ENERGY NEEDS. WE WANT TO STRENGTHEN  
BILATERAL, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL, RELATIONS BETWEEN  
ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES. ALREADY, THERE ARE  
MEETINGS WITH ITALIAN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS ENERGY  
MATTERS, PARTICULARLY RELATING TO THE REALIZATION OF  
ITALY'S NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM.

LET ME SAY, HOWEVER, THAT I AM NOT COMPLETELY SATIS-  
FIED WITH THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE THUS FAR. I SHALL BE  
ADVOCATING THAT FURTHER MEETINGS TAKE PLACE WITH THE  
ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO MAKING OUR BILATERAL  
COOPERATION MORE EFFECTIVE AND TO  
IDENTIFY THOSE AREAS WHICH REQUIRE MORE ATTENTION BY  
ALL CONCERNED IF THE AMBITIOUS ITALIAN ENERGY PROGRAM  
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IS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS WITHIN A REASONABLY EARLY TIME  
FRAME. ITALY'S ENERGY PROBLEMS ARE TO A GREATER OR  
LESSER EXTENT THE PROBLEMS OF US ALL. WE CAN AND  
SHOULD DO MORE:

--WE SHOULD INTENSIFY OUR SUPPORT FOR ITALY'S  
EFFORT TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED PETROLEUM

AND ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITALY'S ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.

--WE SHOULD EXPAND EXCHANGES OF TECHNICIANS IN AREAS DIRECTLY REALTED TO THE IMPLEMENTTATION OF THE ITALIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM.

--WE SHOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR UNITED STATES FINANCIAL SUPPORT WITH RELEVANT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, SUCH AS THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK, WHICH HAS ALREADY ASSISTED IN FINANCING SEVERAL NUCLEAR REACTORS FOR ITALY. UNQTE.

2. RE PARA 2 REF (B) THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEVELOPMENTW SUBSEQUENT TO REPORT (ROME 5909) TOWARDS APPROVAL ITALIAN ENERGY PLAN. PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE HAS NOT YET TAKEN PLACE, AND WHILE SOME REPORTS INDICATE THAT IT MIGHT BE HELD THIS MONTH, PAST EXPERIENCE SUGGESTS CAUTION IN PREDICTING WHEN PARLIAMENT WILL TAKE MATTER UP. LACK OF PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION WOULD NOT RPT NOT NECESSARILY PREVENT GOI FROM ADVANCING NEW ENERGY PROPOSALS AND SOME PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT GOI WILL DO EXACTLY THAT. WE, HOWEVER, ARE UNCONVINCED. DELAYED, ALONG WITH ITALIAN DOMESTIC ENERGY PROGRAMS, IS GOI RATIFICATION OF , AMONG OTHER THINGS, INTER-NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM (IEP).GARDNER

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